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SUBJECT: GOI REACTION TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

1. I CALLED ON DIRGEN FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS DR. NURI AL-KHADIM ON FEB 26 TO GIVE HIM GIST OF RIYADH COM MEETING AND TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO CONVEY MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY AS INSTRUCTED AT RIYAD. I SUGGESTED THAT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE IN VIEW MY PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH LATE FORMIN TAQA. AL-KHADMIN SAID HE WOULD CONVEY REQUEST TO HIS SUPERIORS.

2. I WAS CALLED TO MFA ON FEB 27 FOR MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT IBRAHIM AL-WALI. AL-WALI, A CAREER DIPLOMAT OF 23 YEARS, WAS EXCEPTIONALLY FRIENDLY AND SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MINISTER TO MEET WITH ME. I CONVEYED TO AL-WALI APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON ME SETTLEMENT EFFORTS AND ENERGY CRISIS, MAKING CLEAR THAT WE RECOGNIZED THERE WERE MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US, BUT THAT SECRETARY THOUGHT GOI SHOULD BE AWARE OF U.S. VIEWS. AL-WALI WAS KEENLY INTERESTED AND OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT GOI BEING PROVIDED DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

3. I CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT SECRETARY HAD SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED ME TO SAY THAT U.S. WOULD LOOK POSITIVELY ON ANY IRAQI SUGGESTIONS OR OVERTURES FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. AL-WALI REPLIED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF EARLIER PROPOSALS CONVEYED THROUGH AMBASSADOR SHIBIB IN NEW YORK AND MOST RECENTLY TO RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN

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BY DAVID ROCKEFELLER. HE SAID OBSTACLES TO IMPROVED RELATIONS WERE WELL KNOWN AND HE CITED PALESTINE AND IRANIAN/JURDISH PROBLEMS.

HE SAID HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR OVERTURES. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND ASKED "UNOFFICIALLY" IF I HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE COULD IMPROVE RELATIONS. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS THE JOB OF US, THE CAREER DIPLOMATS, TO COM UP WITH SUGGESTIONS AND FORMULAS. I SAID I THOUGHT A MORE FREQUENT AND FRANKER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WOULD BE GOOD PLACE TO START. AL-WALI SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE ME AT ANY TIME TO DISCUSS ANY SUBJECT.

4. I ASKED IF REMARK OF SADDAM HUSSEIN IN AL-AHRAM INTERVIEW OF FEB 22 IMPLIED CHANGE IN GOI POSITION IN RELATIONS WITH U.S. AL-WALI REPLIED, AS DR. AL-KHADIM HAD THE PREVIOUS DAY, THAT HE DID NOT THINK SO. HE STRESSED THAT MOST IRAQI LEADERS ARE CONVINCED THAT USG IS, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, SUPPORTING IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO KURDS WHICH NOW AMOUNTS TO DIRECT INTERFERENCE IN IRAQ'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SADDAM'S INTERVIEW WAS PUBLISHED IN PART HERE, PORTION ABOUT U.S. - IRAQI RELATIONS WAS OMITTED.)

5. COMMENT: I WAS IMPRESSED BY WARMTH AND FRANKNESS OF MY DISCUSSION WITH AL-WALI, PARTICULARLY HIS INVITATION TO MEET WITH ME AT ANY TIME. I HOPE WE CAN FOLLOW THIS UP WITH FURTHER EXCHANGES SUCH AS RIYADH PROPOSAL FOR BILATERALS ON OIL PROBLEMS.

6. ALTHOUGH AL-WALI'S REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS FROM U.S. ON HOW TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WAS "UNOFFICIAL", I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IDEAS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE BEST FOR TIME BEING TO KEEP PROPOSALS MODEST AND LOW KEY IN VIEW OF GOI REACTION IN PAST TO PROPOSALS FOR EARLY HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS.

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